

**Island County Board of Health
Special Session - Tuesday, February 19, 2013
Minutes**

DUE TO THE UNAVAILABILITY OF RECORDING EQUIPMENT FOR TODAY'S MEETING, MINUTES ARE IN HARD COPY FORMAT ONLY. THERE IS NO AUDIO RECORDING OF THIS MEETING.

Members Present: Commissioners Kelly Emerson and Jill Johnson; Scott Dudley, Mayor of Oak Harbor; Captain Edward Simmer, MC, USN, Ex-Officio Member; and, Roger S. Case, MD, Executive Secretary to the Board.

Members Absent: Anne Tarrant, Whidbey General Hospital Commissioner; Commissioner Helen Price Johnson.

Call to Order: Chair Kelly Emerson called this Special Session of the Island County Board of Health to order at 1:15 p.m.

Additions or Changes to the Agenda: Because this is a Special Session of the Board of Health only those items on the announced agenda may be acted upon at this session.

Approval of Minutes: The Chair called for the approval of the minutes of the January 22, 2013 Special Meeting. There were no changes or corrections to the minutes. Commissioner Johnson moved to approve the minutes as written, Mayor Dudley seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Public Input or Comments: The Chair invited members of the public who wished to provide input or make comments to indicate their wish to do so. Because this is a Special Session of the Board of Health, only those items on the announced agenda may be acted upon by the Board.

Community Health Advisory Board (CHAB) Nomination: Keith Higman presented the nomination of Kimberly Hitt, RN to sit on the CHAB. Ms. Hitt, a resident of Oak Harbor, is a registered nurse and recently achieved a Master's of Science in Nursing with a Specialty in Education. She has a special interest and insight in childhood obesity and autism. Commissioner Johnson moved to appoint Ms. Hitt to the CHAB. Mayor Dudley seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Quarterly Advisory Board, Community Agency, and Health Partner Reports:

Island County Human Services: Jackie Henderson, IC Human Services Director, described the IC Human Services programs which support directly or indirectly over 10,000 Island County residents every year. In response to a question from Commissioner Emerson asking who the school based mental health program serves, Ms. Henderson responded that the program is not based on income qualifiers so all students seeking help qualify. Mayor Dudley asked about where mental health services were available if Whidbey General Hospital could not provide service and was told a clinic in Mukilteo or Skagit Valley Hospital. Captain Simmer asked how Human Services engages with the military and was told that the early childhood program includes many military families. Early childhood programs include up to 60% military children and Island County does not receive any "impact aid". The substance abuse treatment facility in Oak Harbor is not currently Tri-Care certified so military personnel need to go off island for out patient treatment.

Community Health Advisory Board (CHAB): David Macys, CHAB Member, thanked the Board for their nomination of Kimberly Hitt. CHAB is working on some alternative means of meeting with our state legislators such as going to Olympia or initiating meeting requests earlier this year. CHAB is developing a community health improvement plan which will identify perceived barriers adults in our community identify as keeping them from increasing their physical activity. The annual 2013 Linda Lee Martens Community Health Hero award will be held on May 14th and CHAB is looking for nominations.

Island County Community Network: Vivian Rogers-Decker described the Network as having been established in 1992 and exists to identify local problems and facilitate local community solutions. The Family Policy Council was eliminated in June 2012 and the Networks are being governed by an interim organization.

Contracts: There were no contracts eligible for signature at this meeting.

Legislative Report: Keith Higman told the Board that several bills are addressing the state's budgetary problems but the loss of funding could negatively impact public health programs. Representative Bailey has proposed elimination of CPG funds. Mr. Higman suggests the Board note HB 1169 concerning public notification of local health conditions; HB 1795 concerning the scope and costs of the diabetes epidemic in Washington; and, HB 1052 concerning local government selection of appropriate sewer systems in urban areas.

Report from the Health Department: Keith Higman asked the Board to nominate Island County citizens for recognition at the Linda Lee Martens Community Health Hero awards. He noted that sequestration will begin on March 1st absent action by congress. That will result in a 9% reduction in public health funding for: 1) Maternal Child Health (MCH) Block Grant, 2) public health emergency preparedness, and 3) federal funding for vaccines. Since two Board members are absent from today's meeting, he suggested moving a discussion of Board of Health strategic planning options forward to the March meeting. Commissioner Johnson asked to be provided a list of foundational public health services.

Adjourn: There being no further business before the Board, Chair Emerson adjourned the meeting at 2:50 p.m. The next meeting of the Board of Health will be a Regular Session held on Monday, March 18, 2013 at 1:15 p.m. in the Commissioner's Hearing Room (B102) in the Court House Annex Building.

Submitted: _____
Roger S. Case, MD
Executive Secretary to the Board

Minutes approved this _____ day of _____ 2013
ISLAND COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

Kelly Emerson, Board Chair